Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Not house construction schemes.

Mr. P. T. Jacob *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to consider the question of granting priority to the labour classes of Mattancheri?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Public Health):* We will consider.

Mr. V. R. Kishnan Ezhutaassan *(Oorakam):* Has the Government really studied the scheme?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Public Health):* Certainly.

PORKULAM VILLAGE PANCHAYAT OFFICE

141. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

whether orders were passed for shifting Porkulam Village Panchayat Office from the present building in which it is housed now?

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Minister for Development):*

No.

Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether any resolution has been passed by the Panchayat requesting the removal of the Panchayat Office?

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Minister for Development):* I do not find anything on the record. I have to confess that I do not know anything regarding such a resolution.

CORRUPTION—CASES OF

142. Mr. K. Kochukuttan *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to answer the following.—

(*a*) are the Government obtaining monthly statements of corruption from the various departments;

(*b*) what is the total number of cases of corruption reported so far this year;

(*c*) have any special agency been set up by the Government to detect cases of corrup ion among Government officials?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 12.

(*c*) No.

Mr. K. Kochukuttan *(Nominated):* May I know whether the Government has taken any action against these 12 persons?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. P. A. Mohamad Ashrof *(Cranganur):* May I know whether there is any departmental head involved in it.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M. B. E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* None of them are departmental heads.

Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know what is the total amount involved in this corruption matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M. B. E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* It is very difficult to compute it like that. In certain cases it was the taking of very small bribes, in one or two cases it was misappropriation and falsification of accounts, in certain other cases it is detention of persons unnecessarily.

Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know which are the departments concerned?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Excise, Police, Municipalities, Education, Agriculture and Military Welfare.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu):* It is stated that there is no special agency to detect cases of corruption. May I know if it is the intention of the Government to set up a separate agency?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* At present, the departmental heads are to look into the matter but when we appoint a new committee, that committee can make suitable suggestions if they find that the present arrangements are not satisfactorily working.

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